Amendment of Weights and Mtasures Rules

5226. SHRI IQBAL SINGH : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to amend the weights and Measures rule for fair opportunities for foreign multinationals to invest in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor in this regard; and

(c) by when it is likely to be amended ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Public distribution outlets in Kalahandi District of Orissa

5227. SHRI BASANT KUMAR DAS : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) how many Revamped Public Distribution System outlets are located in Kalahandi district of Orissa;

(b) where those revamped public distribution system outlets are situated;

(c) whether all the specified items are meant to be supplied in the above scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) The Government of Orissa has reported that six hundred ten Fair Price Shops (FPS) are functioning in the areas covered under Revamped Public Distribution System (RPDS) in undivided Kalahandi district in Orissa (335 FPS in Kalahandi district and 275 FPS in Nawapara district). In addition to these FPSs, distribution of PDS items are being made throngh four mobile vans covering fifteen haats and twenty seven important places in the RPDS areas in the district.

(b) These FPSs are located in areas covered under the RPDS in the district. Details regarding location of the FPS are not mantained by the Central Government.

(c) and (d) Rice, wheat, levy sugar, kerosene oil are being distributed through these outlets. Government of Orissa has reported that steps are being taken to distribute iodised salt also in these areas.

Price Rise of Consumer Goods

5228: SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3609 given in the Rajya Sabha on 18th April, 1994 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the prices of consumer goods are on the rise since the last 3 months; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) The Wholesale Price Index